# PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

## **3 R'S OF FALL YARD CARE**



#### **REDUCE** → **RAKE**

Raking leaves prevents pollution by keeping them out of storm drains. Storm drains carry leaves directly to local streams. Decomposing leaves contain excessive nutrients that can harm our water quality. Leaves can also clog storm drains and cause flooding.

#### **REUSE** — MULCH

However, extra nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are great for lawn fertilizer! Mulch leaves into small pieces using a lawnmower and spread them across your yard.





### RECYCLE → COMPOST

Instead of bagging leaves, compost them to use them as fertilizer later.